

Application No. 10/661,371
Reply to Office Action of October 9, 2007
Response Dated October 25, 2007

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-25 remain pending in the Application. Each of the pending independent claims (nos. 1 and 16) was rejected under the nonstatutory double patenting provision relative to claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,105,029.

Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer with this Amendment to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Allowance of Withdrawn Claims

Claims 3, 4, 7-9, 11, and 12 were previously withdrawn from examination as non-elected claims. Because generic independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request re-entry and allowance of the previously withdrawn claims 3, 4, 7-9, 11 and 12, each of which depends from claim 1, directly or indirectly.

Conclusion

In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith and the remarks set forth herein, Applicants believe this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any issue requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

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If any additional fees are necessary to complete this communication, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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